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Hoisting License Requirements

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A § 8 and M.G.L. c. 146 §53, this shall serve as an official interpretation relative to the licensing requirements to operate hoisting equipment.

Question:

What are the licensing requirements under G.L. c. 146 §53 for hoisting equipment that may be modified with attachments? (i.e. Bucket, Forks, drills, etc.)

Answer:

The operator of Hoisting Equipment must hold the requisite license for the machinery *as modified*, not as originally configured.

For example, an operator of a front end loader is required to hold a 2C restriction, at minimum. If, however, the bucket is removed and replaced with forks, the operator of this modified machinery is required to hold a 1C restriction.

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